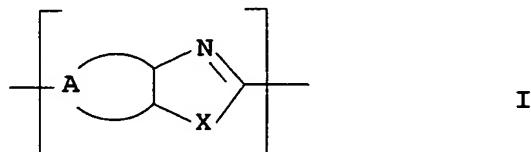


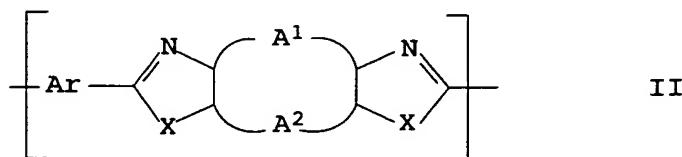
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- 5 1. A UV absorber comprising a finely divided polymer with a
 volume-average particle size of from 5 to 1 000 nm which
 contains repeat units of the formula I and/or II

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in which

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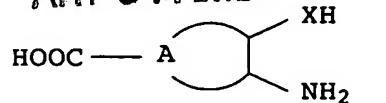
- 25 A or A¹ and A² together with the carbon atoms to which they
 are bonded form an aromatic backbone with one to three
 fused benzene rings or a diaryl backbone which can carry
 one to three substituents chosen from carboxyl, alkyl,
 30 alkenyl, aryl, alkylaryl, alkoxy, halogen or nitro, or a
 polymer chain containing repeat units of the formula I
 and/or II,

Ar is a divalent aromatic radical with one to three fused
 benzene rings or a diaryl radical which can carry one to
 35 three substituents chosen from carboxyl, alkyl, alkenyl,
 aryl, alkylaryl, alkoxy, halogen or nitro.

2. A UV absorber as claimed in claim 1, where the polymer is
 obtainable by polycondensation of compounds of the formula IV
 40 and optionally V and VI,

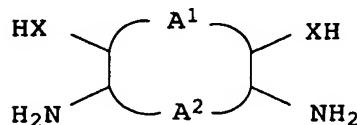
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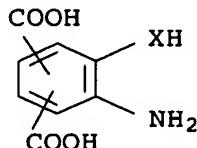
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in which

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X, A, A¹, A² and Ar are as defined in claim 1, and the compound of the formula IV used is at least partially a compound of the formula III

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III.

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3. A UV absorber as claimed in claim 2, where the compound of the formula III is 5-amino-4-hydroxyisophthalic acid.

4. A UV absorber as claimed in claim 2 or 3, where the compound

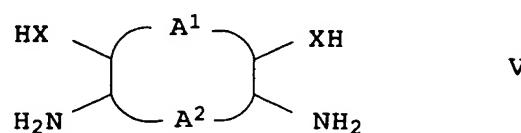
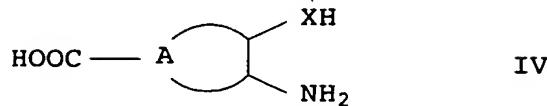
30 of the formula III is used in an amount of at least 1 mol%, based on the total amount of the compounds IV, V and VI.

5. A UV absorber as claimed in any of claims 2 to 4, where the chain extenders co-used are diamines and/or diols and/or the 35 chain terminators used are monobasic aromatic carboxylic acids, o-amino(thio)phenols, o-phenylenediamines, monohydric alcohols and/or monoamines.

6. A process for the preparation of a UV-absorber as claimed in

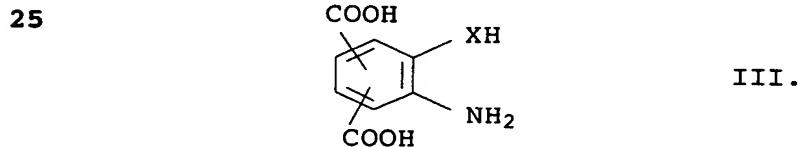
40 claim 1 by polycondensation of compounds of the formula IV and/or V and/or VI

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in which

- 15 X, A, A¹, A² and Ar are as defined in claim 1,
and subsequent comminution of the resulting polymer to a
volume-average particle size of from 5 to 1 000 nm.
- 20 7. A process as claimed in claim 6, where the compound of the
formula IV used is at least partially a compound of the
formula III



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8. The use of the UV absorber as claimed in any of claims 1 to 5
for stabilizing inanimate organic materials against the
action of light.

35 9. The use as claimed in claim 8, where the inanimate organic
material is a molding composition.

10. The use as claimed in claim 9, where the molding composition
is a polyolefin, polyester, polyamide, polyurethane,
40 polycarbonate, impact-modified polystyrene or a mixture
thereof.

11. The use as claimed in claim 8, where the inanimate organic
material is a coating film.

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12. The use of the UV absorber as claimed in any of claims 1 to 5 as a light protection factor in cosmetic formulations.
13. A coating preparation comprising a UV absorber as claimed in 5 any of claims 1 to 5.
14. A cosmetic formulation comprising a UV absorber as claimed in any of claims 1 to 5 and optionally cosmetically active active ingredients in a cosmetically acceptable carrier.
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15. A molding composition comprising a UV absorber as claimed in any of claims 1 to 5.

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